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“Tell the truth and don’t be afraid.”



## Greek Week

Greek Week events to kick-off this weekend.  
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## News

Relationship professional answers students' questions about dating.  
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Eastern Kentucky sweeps Eastern softball team in conference play.  
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# Surles to seek funding

By Joseph Ryan  
Administration editor

Eastern President Carol Surles is getting right to work upon her return to Eastern by testifying before an Illinois House Appropriations Committee at 9 a.m. today.

“As in past legislative sessions, my principle task during this session is to make our case for funding before Senate and House Committees,” Surles said.

Surles has been preparing all week for the testimony.

“(It is) as if I were preparing for a major examination,” Surles said.

Surles said she is happy to be back at Eastern after returning Monday from a sick leave that began Dec. 1.

“It is good to be back at Eastern,” Surles said. “I very much appreciate the warm sentiments expressed by many members of the university and the larger community.”

Surles was diagnosed with breast cancer in early September and underwent surgery Sept. 18. After returning to complete the faculty salary contract, Surles took a sick leave starting Dec. 1 to undergo a chemical treatment and physical therapy.

“During my absence from campus, I spent a week at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center conferring with a large team of physicians and undergoing tests,” Surles said, “I have gained a wealth of information, and now I must shift through it to plan a long-term course of treatment.”

“My prognosis is quite good, but I must make the right decisions to realize my favorable prognosis,” Surles said.

Surles said she plans to give her State of the University address sometime in April.

“This address is usually delivered in March, but delivering it a bit closer to the end of the legislative session is not a bad idea,” Surles said.

Surles also complemented the work of those in her absence.

“The university has benefited from an excellent team of administrators, namely, the President’s Council,” Surles said. “This dedicated team, working with the senior Vice President Lou Hencken, has moved the university forward gracefully.”

“Our work is cut out for us. As we approach the spring and summer months, I have no doubt that the same vibrance that characterizes these seasons will inspire us to prepare well for another fall freshman class,” Surles said.



Chris Sievers / Staff photographer

Student Body President Katie M. Cox delivers her State of the University address to members of the Student Senate while executive members of Student Government look on Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

# Student body president addresses senate

## Cox remains optimistic, says students need to look at the big picture

By Michelle Jones  
Assoc. news editor

A change of attitude is needed from students, said Student Body President Katie M. Cox in her State of the University address before the Student Senate Wednesday night.

Many students find problems with the university, such as the construction, the lack of diversity, the appearance of the campus, the rising costs and the lack of school pride, Cox said. Many students will leave the university angry that nothing was ever finished, she said.

However, she said she agreed with a quote from Richard Hooker that said change cannot be made without inconvenience.

“The university cannot stop everything so that for four years you or your classmates can be more comfortable and not have to deal with progress, construction or transition,” Cox said. “You are disgusted that you have to deal with progress ... but you would be just as disgusted had the university decided progress was not necessary 50 years ago.”

Students in the past had to deal with inconveniences that made the university better today; the inconveniences current students deal with will improve the university for future students, she said.

“We would have very little on this campus

were if not for the students who came before us,” Cox said. “They saw a way to make things better. They did it, and very likely — just as we stand right now — many of them paid for projects that they never saw completed. That is the way the world works.”

She said the state of the university can be seen in how hard some people are trying to get things done and what others are doing to slow it down. The university tries to move forward and change, but people hold it back with their negative attitudes.

However, while the students sit around and complain, the university will continue to move forward. Sometimes projects take longer than expected; sometimes contracts and unions get in the way, but that is all part of the system, she said.

“Things move slowly, but constantly,” Cox said. “Gradual and incremental change is what we have to work with.”

Cox said she believes the university is the best in the state because it is the most affordable, it provides excellent instruction, the classes are small and the campus is beautiful.

Cox said she can ignore the construction and the fences many people complain about when she thinks of the university.

“Have you ever stood in the union walkway facing south and just looked out at the campus on a sunny afternoon?” Cox asked. “Don’t look at specific people. Don’t focus on the trailer parked in front of the library behind the fences.”

“Look at the picture as a whole ... students walking and laughing, groups playing Frisbee

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# Candidates must attend meeting

By Jeremy Pelzer  
Student government editor

The Student Senate passed a bill Wednesday requiring candidates for a Student Government office to attend an informational meeting.

The bill was passed by a 15-7-1 vote, after a lengthy debate.

Under the bill, candidates for Student Senate, Executive Board and Student Dean would have to attend one of two informational meetings organized by the Student Government to be eligible to run.

“A lot of of people think (Student Government) is like student council,” said Kristen Rutter, student vice president for academic affairs. “They don’t know what they’re getting into.”

Several senate members opposed the bill, saying the meetings should not be mandatory.

“Things happen. If you can’t make a meeting, it just happens,” said senate member Dwight

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*Editor's note: Because of technical difficulties with our printer we're re-running a classic page that appeared a week ago. Back by popular demand, it's the photo essay page from the Panthers' NCAA Tournament appearance. Enjoy.*

# Dancing with the Panthers



(Above) Sophomore forward Henry Domercant drives past an Arizona opponent in Eastern's game against Arizona Friday.

(Top left) Panther senior guard Kyle Hill looks up the court in the Panthers' 101-67 loss to Arizona in the first round of the Midwest Regional at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo.

(Top right) Sophomore forward Henry Domercant throws down a one-handed jam in the second half. Domercant's jam was one of his 20 points in the losing effort.

(Upper center right) Domercant is helped up by a teammate after twisting his ankle early in the first half. The sophomore later said the bum ankle had nothing to do with a below average shooting effort. The forward said, "This is not a team that makes excuses, and I'm not going to make excuses. If it was hurting me too much, I wouldn't have played."

(Lower center right) Eastern fans cheer on the Panthers' in Friday's game at Kemper Arena. The Panthers sold out of their 550 allotted tickets for the game.

(Far right) A Panther and Wildcat stand side by side in the matchup between the No. 2 seeded Arizona and the No. 15 seeded Eastern. The game marked the first-ever matchup between the two squads.

(Right) Hill goes up for a jump shot over Arizona's best defender, Richard Jefferson. Hill finished the game with a game-high 32 points.

Photos by **Bill Ruthhart**



## 'Dating Doctor' offers relationship advice

By Tracey Acker  
Staff writer

The mysteries and questions involved with dating were inspected at "Creative Dating: The Cure for the Common Relationship," a University Board sponsored lecture Wednesday night.

The workshop, led by Dave Coleman, the "Dating Doctor," discussed what to look for in a healthy relationship and the most common reasons for why relationships fail. Coleman said before marriage, relationships often end because of conflicts in religion, alcohol, money and sex.

The "Dating Doctor" answered questions such as why women date "bad boys" and why nice guys often finish last.

Coleman said "bad boys" are unpredictable and don't place women at the top of their priority lists, which drives women crazy.

"Nice guys are too predictable, and women become bored. If women know they can always have you, they will never want you," he said.

The workshop also featured questions from the audience. A question asked dealt with the inability of men to call women.

Coleman says most men have a 49 to 71 hour call-back policy, and many men think that if they do not call, they cannot be rejected.

Another question from the audience was, "Why do men insist on hitting on a woman after she has told him she is taken?"

Coleman said men are persistent because they believe they can "win over" the woman and take her from the other man.

"Men don't care that another man exists," he said.

Long-distance relationships were a common topic at the workshop. Coleman said about 90 percent of long-distance relationships fail.

"People force communication to occur everyday, causing huge problems, and couples simply start to grow apart, and each one develops new interests," he said.

Coleman has traveled to more than 2,000 colleges nationwide, talking to students about dating and offering them suggestions, advice and answers to questions about relationships, sex, marriage and romance.

Coleman has conducted interviews with more than 1,500 college men and women to find the most common answers to the



Adriene Weller / Senior photographer

A group of Eastern students discuss their Jahari Windows, an exercise in self comprehension, at "Creative Dating: The Cure for the Common Relationship," a University Board sponsored lecture Wednesday night in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The "Dating Doctor", Dave Coleman conducted the workshop.

questions most frequently asked. The questions, along with the answers, can be found in his new book called "Date Smart! How to

Stop Revolving and Start Evolving in Relationships."

His Web site ([www.datingdoctor.com](http://www.datingdoctor.com)) also features answers to

common relationship questions and advice on how to fix the problems students may be facing with their current relationships.

## Students learn credit card management

By Geoff Wagner  
Staff writer

Fifty-eight percent of college students pay off their credit card balances on time; the other 42 percent learned ways to keep a good credit history Wednesday.

Eastern was host to a presentation on the responsibilities of credit and financing Wednesday evening.

"Planning for Financial Success," was presented by MBNA credit card representatives Ivor Kiwi and Matt Ginley, through joint sponsoring by the Alumni Association, MBNA of America and the Counseling Center.

Kiwi focused on the managing of credit and planning for the future by demonstrating the importance of investing.

Keeping a good credit rating is essential for consideration in receiving loans, applying for a mortgage and even in receiving lower rental rates if checked by a landlord.

Kiwi offered tips for keeping good credit, such as paying balances on time, staying within credit limits, notifying creditors of address changes in the event of a move and attaining and reviewing a copy of a credit report annually.

Credit reports are available through various credit bureau Web sites. The reports contain a listing of all credit cards owned, length of ownership of credit cards, current balances due, complete line of credit, any loans that have been taken and a listing of any inquiries made on your credit.

The easiest way in which credi-

tors judge credit worthiness is by the FICO number.

The FICO number is found by using a formula devised by the Fair Issacs Company. The formula takes into account all credit and loan history and calculates a number which is then posted on all credit reports. Many creditors and financial companies will look only at the FICO number when considering an applicant.

Creditors look for ability and stability to pay a loan when considering an applicant.

Kiwi said that of the general population, 33 percent pay off their credit card balance on time, whereas 58 percent of college students pay on time.

"College students are responsible with money," said Kiwi.

Warning signs that someone might be falling into credit trouble include: borrowing from one credit card to pay another, not being able to make minimum payments, making payments late, and "maxing out" or exceeding credit limits.

In order to get out of credit debt, Kiwi suggested developing a monthly budget in which you subtract necessities from income and cutting back on unnecessary expenses.

It's a good idea to pay more than the minimum amount due on a credit card, Kiwi said.

"Paying the minimum amount due on a \$1,000 credit card bill would take approximately nine years to pay off," said Kiwi.

Bad credit from mistakes such as delinquency, tax liens, or bankrupt-

cy can last from seven to 10 years on a credit report. Risk-based pricing, or higher interest rates on loans, can also be obtained from bad debt.

Kiwi stressed investing as the most important part of planning for the future.

"Start investing as early as you can," said Kiwi. "If (students) can suck it up and invest money now it will pay off in the long run."

Kiwi suggest getting invested money to work for you.

Kiwi gave the example of investing \$100 a month at the age of 25. On the average 12 percent interest rate, invested funds should be worth approximately \$1.1 million by age 65.

"It's best to start investing as early as possible," Kiwi said.

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## Cougill for mayor

Dan Cougill's campaign slogan is "Bringing quality leadership to Charleston," and that's just what he'll do.

After working as Charleston's mayor for eight years, Cougill has the experience needed to serve Charleston for another term. He is dedicated to working with the university to create a community where students can learn and also enjoy their four years here.

Cougill supports the External Relations Committee, which works to bring the city and university together on projects. He also said he would like to expand the committee so that it has more power on issues that affect the campus and community.

### Mayoral election

Incumbent Dan Cougill has proven himself to be a strong leader, and is *The Daily Eastern News'* choice for mayor.

Cougill said if both sides were more dedicated to the agreements reached, the committee would be more useful.

Cougill also supports a landlord inspection program that would require landlords to have their rental properties checked periodically for safety hazards and code violations. This program is almost entirely for students, as they make up the bulk of renters in the city.

Throughout the process of implementing this program, Cougill has worked with students. He has agreed to put the project on hold until students return in the fall, rather than making decisions in their absence this summer.

During Cougill's tenure as mayor, Charleston has spent a significant amount of time on a comprehensive plan. This plan outlines what the city hopes to do now and into the future. To help Charleston to continue to grow, the city needs a defined plan.

While it is obvious that Cougill's opponent Clancy Pfeiffer also is dedicated to helping Charleston, the way he wants to go about it will be less successful. Pfeiffer does not agree with the landlord inspection program and said the laws currently in place will serve the purpose of maintaining safe living conditions for students and other renters.

Pfeiffer also said that while he feels a city plan is important for Charleston, he favors more of a "play as you go" approach to governing the city.

Charleston needs a leader with a clear plan in place and the means to carry it out. Cougill is an honest and trustworthy candidate who will work with the residents as well as the university and students to do what is best for Charleston.

*The Daily Eastern News* endorses Dan Cougill in Charleston's mayoral election.

The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

## Today's quote

“I am more afraid of an army of 100 sheep led by a lion than an army of 100 lions led by a sheep.”

Charles Maurice, Prince de Talleyrand-Perigord  
French diplomat, 1754-1838

## After all is said and done, art remains

Sunday night's Oscars were a joy to watch, one of the brightest telecasts of the event in recent years, and it was almost all because of Steve Martin's surprisingly salty and biting turn as host. And the show only ran three and a half hours, no small feat if you ask me.

But by now, the show has been forgotten by most of those who watched, and we're back to watching our DVDs of "Gladiator," only now when we watch it, we know it's a Best Picture (as if that makes it better). Will we even remember who won a year from now? A month from now? Tomorrow? Hell, I had trouble remembering what won Best Picture last year when somebody asked me Sunday night ("American Beauty," kids).

I will remember one moment from Sunday for a while, and it came during Steven Soderbergh's speech upon winning the Best Director Oscar for his epic drug tale, "Traffic." Soderbergh told the audience he wouldn't be thanking any of his "Traffic" collaborators on stage; he instead said the following:

"... I want to thank anyone who spends a part of their day creating. I don't care if it's a book, a film, a painting, a dance, a piece of theatre, a piece of music, anybody — anybody who spends a part of their day sharing their experience with us, I think this world would be unliveable without art, and I thank you."

Soderbergh's words are very truthful; can our world survive without art? Some would care to criticize our culture for caring so much about things like the Oscars, but what should we be caring about? Man cannot live on politics, war



Sean Stangland  
DEN columnist

"Man cannot live on politics, war and 'important issues' alone."

tionalized account of a real-life hero in "Erin Brockovich" and show us the atavistic nature of our own relationships in "sex, lies and videotape." Soderbergh comments on the human experience, just like Spielberg or Kubrick or Fincher or Lean or Welles have.

The director's words are a reminder that those who pursue and love the arts shall not be slighted for that which they are passionate about. I may need a heart surgeon to save my life somewhere down the line, but would I want to be saved if the world didn't have Mozart or Bach or Jagger, Picasso or Monet or Pollock, Fitzgerald or Steinbeck or Salinger? I don't think so.

I hope the other Oscar winners felt a little inadequate after Soderbergh's delivery Sunday night. Of all the winners, only the balding geek with the glasses will be remembered for what he did *at* the awards instead of what he did to earn the awards.

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## Residents' votes still have strongest effect

There is more to the mayoral election in this town than the bar entry age. Both candidates have said they will not lower it.

I know that some of you are hoping Clancy Pfeiffer will change his mind in office over that issue. I know you have been told to expect that by some of his supporters. Don't expect it.

Most of the people who live all year in this town, with their children, property values and elderly neighbors in mind, will vote anyone out of office who tries to bring back "the good old days" when Charleston was a party-central kind of town.

Their votes will be here after you have graduated. Only a fool would go against mainstream Charleston in a mayoral race.

I am aware that Dan Cougill vowed to protect the lower bar entry age in 1993 and reneged on that during his first term. There are those who think it was strictly a political move and he just said what people wanted to hear to get elected. I don't think that is the case.

When I first went to him about a different issue he did not agree with me and told me the opposite of what I wanted to hear ... very candidly, in typical Dan Cougill fashion. I'm still working with him regarding that issue.

However, I have gotten to know the man on other issues. I'm inclined to believe that he genuinely changed his mind. The facts supported the change in his second election: fewer drunk and disorderly complaints, fewer drunk drivers, less property damage and fewer rapes. From a permanent resident's position, that is a good change.

There is another change for which Mayor Cougill is a primary mover. The only real issue difference

## Your turn

Letters to the editor

between these candidates I am aware of if one where Mayor Cougill is out on a limb with landlords on behalf of students' interests.

The mayor wants student involvement in developing a city-staffed position to inspect rental units. In other words, you wouldn't have to fight all the way through the system to get your landlord to fix the dining room ceiling so it stopped falling down in pieces on the floor. (That was the experience of a friend of mine.)

It would have to be fixed before renting it out, or else the landlord couldn't rent it out. That's incentive! Furthermore, fixing the ceiling would be the only cost to the landlord because the inspections would be part of the city's expenses.

There are many fine landlords in this town who will be utterly unaffected by an inspection process except for the inconvenience of it.

Those who will be affected are those who do not use deposit money from the last tenant to fix any undue damage beyond normal wear and tear and who neglect to assume responsibility for normal wear and tear. Those who will be affected are the absentee landlords who don't care what happens to the property or the town.

I also have friends who have rentals who tell me all about bad tenants wrecking a rental unit. Those tenants should be hunted down and made to pay like the dogs they are. A new tenant should not have to live in or pay for the shambles of the old tenant.

Mayor Cougill is working with students on campus at this time. He regularly attends the university's External Relations Committee meetings, which include Student Senate members, administrators and at least

two city council members.

He respects the city council and works to ensure their participation in this process. He is not anti-student or even anti-alcohol. However, he is adamantly opposed to drunkenness and the damage to property and person that often follow it.

A long time ago, I was 19. If I was in a bar in my college town, older friends would buy and slip me drinks. I just happened to dislike being drunk so I settled for a low buzz.

Girlfriends of mine did get drunk. A handful were raped. They still have the emotional scars from the incident in their daily lives.

I don't expect people who are 19 to enter bars and not drink. However, my friends still have pain even after more than two decades. It's not worth it to drink. I don't know why, but no one seems to realize that until their mid-20s.

Originally, I was against the bar entry age being lowered for fear that more rapes would occur at unsupervised house parties. However, that fear was unfounded. House parties are not easy to organize and are not as common as expected. The rape numbers have gone down. Consequently, I am now against lowering the bar entry age.

So, your real choice is a guy who will ensure better housing or one who will not. The bar entry age will not be lowered for the same reasons your parents would vote it down if they lived here and the same reasons you will vote it down 15 years from now if you live here, with the interests of your children, property values and elderly neighbors like me (by then) in mind.

Cate Borzi  
Charleston resident

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## Candidate to visit campus today

By Joseph Ryan  
Administration editor

The first of five final candidates for the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs will visit Eastern today for interviews with the campus community.

W. Hubert Keen, current special assistant to the university system provost at State University of New York, will be on campus and meeting with various campus constituents from Thursday to Friday afternoon.

"Generally I recommend campus constituents come to the university senate's meeting or the open session meeting," said Bonnie Irwin, chair of the vice president for academic affairs search committee and English professor.

Both meetings will be held in the 1895 room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The university senate's meeting will occur between 1 and 1:50 p.m., and the open session meeting will occur between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

"I will introduce Keen, and generally the candidate will then have a brief statement to make about themselves. After that is complete, we will open up the floor for questions," Irwin said.

Irwin said Keen has experience in all of the area of academic affairs including budgeting, strategic planning and project development.

Keen has experience in almost every major administrative level.

Keen served as interim president of the College at Old West Bury in State University of New York. Prior

to that, he served for four years as provost and vice president for academic affairs at York College in the City University of New York.

Keen also has served for six years as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the College of Cortland in the State University of New York, and he also served as chair of the department of biological sciences in the same system.

Keen earned his doctorate in ecology from Kent State University.

Prior to his administrative experiences, Keen taught biological sciences for several different universities, including Eastern Kentucky University, Pikeville College in Kentucky, Kent State University, Cuyahoga Community College and State University of New York.

## Council to vote on creation of new speech committee

By Joseph Ryan  
Administration editor

The Council on Academic Affairs will be voting today on a proposal to establish a Speaking Across the Curriculum Committee.

The proposal includes clarification of how speaking will be assessed in the general curriculum and recommends establishing a Speaking across the Curriculum Committee, according to the proposal.

The proposal comes from the Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning (CASL), whose most recent initiative has been the establishment of the Writing Across the Curriculum program.

The proposal outlines six recommendations from CASL that the speech department has endorsed—providing that sufficient resources will be available for them.

As part of CASL's recommendation, a Speaking across the Curriculum Committee under the jurisdiction of CAA, would be established to identify criteria to be used in deciding what "speaking components" are.

The definition of "speaking components" must be determined because another one of the recommendations states that at least three courses in a major should include "speaking components."

The proposal also states workshops on evaluation of speaking

competence should be made available to related faculty.

Also, in senior seminars and SPC 1310/1390 speaking competency will be assessed. As part of that determination, the ability to speak effectively would be one consideration in determining grades.

"Obviously, the recommendation will impact the resources of the College of Arts and Humanities in a significant way," said Jeffrey Lynch, associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, in a e-mail to CAA requesting the postponement of action.

Funds may be needed to reassign faculty, provide for summer grants and to provide assistance to students, according to the proposal.



Adriene Weller/senior photographer

### Jumping out of trouble

An unidentified skateboarder practices his skills on the steps of Coleman Hall Wednesday. The skateboarder had to quickly leave to avoid a \$75 fine from the police.

## Students mostly satisfied with Connie's Pizza

By Kristin Quaid  
Staff Writer

Students across campus expressed their satisfaction with Connie's Pizza, the most recent addition to The Marketplace in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"I like it," said Kari Infante, a sophomore biology major. "It's not exactly like Connie's at home, but it will do."

Senior middle level education major Jennifer Runions also enjoys Connie's prices and menu.

"The prices seem reasonable and the menu options are simple," Runions said. Connie's offers the choice of cheese, sausage and pepperoni on their individual pizzas, appealing to students' different tastes.

However, as the semester dwindles away, so does some

students' cash flow, making it difficult for students to enjoy a few slices of pizza.

"I think it's a little expensive to pay almost four dollars for a small pizza," Infante said.

Luckily, some students have the option of swiping their Panther Cards to pay for meals.

"I'm not too worried about Connie's prices because I use my dining dollars," said Julie McKendry, a sophomore ele-

mentary education major.

The debut of Connie's Pizza also keeps The Marketplace crowded.

Sophomore Robin Funsch, who works at Subway, said her workplace still has its fair share of customers as well, leading to a busy basement in the Union.

"The lines at the cash register seemed to be the longest," she said.

Kelly Tribout can vouch for

that. The sophomore music major works at the cash register and has experienced the crowded lines.

"The lines have definitely gotten longer since the addition of Connie's," Tribout said.

All in all, students welcome the new dining option at any hour.

"It's really convenient because Connie's is open until midnight," Infante said.

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# Opinions differ on entry age

By Casey Cora  
and Sean Watson  
Staff writers

From bar owners to city officials running in the upcoming election to students, everyone has a different opinion on the bar-entry age.

Some owners of campus-area bars believe that reducing the entry age to 19 would not only increase business, but Eastern's enrollment would also be at an advantage.

Mike Knoop, owner of Roc's Black Front and Top of the Roc said, "Lowering the bar age would be beneficial to the university and the students. I think that it could help enrollment."

The 21 and over population on Eastern's campus is the minority, leaving the 19 and 20 year old students with fewer options to legally socialize. Lowering the entry age, according to Knoop, would give students the "chance to socialize in a controlled environment."

Stephen Blocker, manager of

Stu's, is a little skeptical on the issue, but remains positive.

"From a business standpoint, I think it's great. There's definitely more money to be made," Blocker said. One of his concerns is the behavior of students under the legal drinking age.

"If there's going to be a rash of 17 to 20-year-old kids causing problems because they're one step closer to drinking, then there will be issues," Blocker said.

One area bartender, Lisa McHugh, believes that not much would really change if the entry age were lowered.

"There would be just a few more freshmen in the bar," McHugh said.

All owners and managers interviewed agreed that the safest form of ensuring that the under-21 patrons are not breaking the law would be the use of wristbands, markers, or stamps.

John Hock, a 20-year-old Family and Consumer Science major, agrees with lowering the bar entry age.

“There would be just a few more freshmen in the bar.”

Lisa McHugh,  
bartender

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"If we're living on our own at college, I think I speak for the majority when I say that we can enter a bar and behave ourselves." Hock added, "House parties get too crowded and I want to be with my friends at the bar."

There are conflicting opinions from those of legal age about the age at which one can enter a drinking establishment.

Justin Clark, a 22-year-old hospitality major, disagrees, saying, "These kids are just looking for another reason to get sloppy and vomit on my shoes."

# Misplaced prison among census woes

(AP) — Mayor Jeff Rowald has no idea how census takers found an extra 3,000 people along Fourth Street of tiny Baldwin in Randolph County. He sure can't.

"Baldwin's a town of about 436 people and, in a town like this, you don't gain 3,000 people in 10 years," Rowald said from Village Hall, a short walk from the 2-acre downtown block where the U.S. Census Bureau reported a count of 3,199 people.

There is no high-rise apartment tower on that spot, or any other building in downtown Baldwin that could house 3,000 people on just a couple acres.

"It didn't happen," Rowald said. "It'd be nice if it did, but we all know better."

In Randolph and at least two other Illinois counties, local officials said the bureau mixed up its census blocks, shortchanging one town's population while wrongly

inflating another's numbers. Local officials suspect more errors will be uncovered.

Census Bureau officials concede such mistakes can happen in rare cases, but they promise corrections later this year if they get proof from local officials of an error.

Communities such as Chester, Carbondale and Urbana may contest their counts on grounds the Census Bureau "misplaced" portions of their populace, in part because they stand to lose as much as \$125 per uncounted resident in revenues from state taxes and other government programs handed out on a per capita basis. The census results will also be used to determine legislative and congressional districts.

"We're chuckling about it down here, but this is a serious matter," said Randolph County Economic Development Director Ed Crow.

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Accused officer testifies in own defense

CHICAGO (AP) — A police gang crimes expert accused of conspiring in a Miami-to-Chicago drug ring took the stand in his own defense Wednesday and denied claims by gang members he joined forces with them.

Joseph Miedzianowski seemed completely at ease and self-assured

as he told a U.S. District Court jury how he had sent numerous street gang leaders to “the joint” and helped Chicago homicide “dicks” solve cases.

Flashing an offbeat brand of humor, he described a falling out with a female federal agent he considered “a good street cop” who

became too sympathetic to criminals after she was promoted to supervisor.

“It seemed as if she had Stockholm Syndrome,” the former gang crimes specialist said in response to a question from defense attorney Thomas Breen. “She was right there singing ‘Kumbayah’ with them.”

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on the quad, the trees swaying in the afternoon breeze, up-and-coming artists carefully studying the structure of buildings and their shadows, professors waving as they see familiar faces. Sometimes you can even hear the drumline or the orchestra practicing. I find that

beautiful.”

The university will not change and grow to its capacity if students’ attitudes do not change, Cox said.

“Next time you complain about things never getting done or problems being fixed — just keep on telling yourself that it’s someone else’s responsibility. Keep on telling yourself that others should take care of it. Keep on telling yourself that it’s someone else’s fault that you’re unhappy,” Cox said.

“And the state of the university will remain what it is today — a state of unbelievable opportunity and possibly, of imminent progress, hindered only by its own community’s cynicism and unwillingness to take responsibility.”

Cox encouraged students to boldly take action and say what they believe. She said there will be criticisms, failures and losses, but students need to accept that and keep moving.

Candidates

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Nelson. “I don’t want good people to be turned away on a technicality.”

Senate members also voted to define procedures for compensation for executive officers in the event of a resignation or removal from office. An executive that leaves office will now be compensated on a prorated basis.

The clarifications were part of a proposed bylaw change that would also only compensate executives for 12 credit hours, with the rationale that all officers should be paid equally.

That part of the bylaw change was tabled.

In other business, senate members passed two pieces of legislation concerning the new rider/roommate board, and tabled five budget proposals passed by the Apportionment Board last week.

The rider/roommate board, which allows students to post requests for roommates and rides to various destinations around the country, was not being used a lot in its old location near the food court, Weyhaupt said.

The senate allocated \$200 towards constructing a new rider/roommate board near the First Mid-Illinois Bank branch in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. A bylaw change giving the senate housing the responsibility of maintaining the board was also passed.

AB chair Tommy Brewer, vice

president for financial affairs, presented budget proposals for five fee-funded boards supported financially by the AB. The five boards — University Board; sports and recreation; “Players”, a dramatic organization; Student Senate; and the AB itself, asked for a total of \$441,000.

The senate, who will vote on the five budgets next week, has the final say on whether the budgets will be approved.

The senate also approved the 2001 election commission, a seven-member impartial body that will conduct and monitor the Student Government elections on April 17-18; Dwight Nelson was appointed to the Parking and Traffic Appeals committee; and EIU NAACP was approved as a Recognized Student Organization.

Ryan has plan to eliminate tollway system

20-year plan will turn roads into freeways

LOCKPORT (AP) — Illinois’ tollways would be converted into freeways over 20 years under a plan proposed Wednesday by Gov. George Ryan.

The proposal, which Ryan announced here, is a restructuring plan that culminates in getting rid of the entire toll system.

Tolls would be raised gradually until they are eliminated in 2021.

“Raising tolls is the only viable way to pay for the demise of the tollway system,” Ryan said at a news conference called to make the announcement.

Ryan’s plan also calls for extending I-355 south into Will County and merging the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority into the Transportation Department.

The first tollbooths would start coming down in 2002.

The plan also would fund a rebuilding of aging infrastructure and a controversial extension of the North-South Tollway, which is

opposed by environmentalists.

Ryan’s plan depends on the General Assembly agreeing to restructure more than \$800 million in tollway debt so the toll system can be changed.

He also calls for borrowing money to pay for new construction and repairs. The \$1.8 billion in debt would be paid off by 2021.

The tollway chairman is Arthur Philip, brother to Senate President James “Pate” Philip, R-Wood Dale. The senator is likely to take a skeptical look at any changes to the tollway.

Ryan proposed raising cash tolls in October to 75 cents for passenger vehicles, but not for users of I-Pass, the electronic toll payment system. I-Pass users would see prices rise in 2003.

However, paying tolls by I-Pass always would be less expensive than paying cash under the plan. The state is trying to promote use of I-Pass to relieve congestion at toll plazas.

The plan is also expected to include some legislative oversight of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, whose spending and financial management practices have come under heavy criticism.

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the Panthers were doing that in nearly one-third of all their at-bats.

There are, however, a few bright spots for the Panthers. Kristin Becker and Trish Sanders both have ERA's under 5.00 on the mound and Lorie Daniel had a decent outing Wednesday. From what I've gathered, Slama plays the game the way it should be played, and that's probably why she's the team's leading hitter. Carrie Ninness has shown

some potential as a sophomore, and freshman Kari Hagerty has shown she can throw a little leather at shortstop and has some talent both in the field and on the mound. But then again, she was only hitting .194 entering Wednesday. But don't be deceived, that's about average on this Panther team.

So, I guess things could get worse for this young team if those few bright spots do burn out. What does have to be remembered is this team has six sophomores and seven freshman. That does make things difficult.

Maybe the poor play in the last two days has resulted in the difficulty of recovering from consecutive trips to California and

Hawaii. It certainly hasn't come from the difficulty of attending class, as the Panthers missed a week of classes while soaking up the sun on the islands. So, they won't get any sympathy from me or anyone else when that excuse pops up.

What it comes down to is simple. This team, despite how young they are, has to start playing for pride.

Throw the 3-15 record out the window – it's still early. This team simply needs to play with heart and concentration and eliminate those inexcusable miscues and errors. This team shouldn't be afraid to go to the plate and turn it loose. They're already striking out

a third of the time; it can't get that much worse.

On Saturday a 10-23 Michigan State team will come to Charleston to give these Panthers a chance to regain some pride.

Maybe this column will turn into one of those newspaper articles that gets taped up on a locker room wall and everyone curses and spits at it before a game. Maybe not. But the point is simple.

If a different team comes out to play against the Spartans Saturday, things may slowly but surely turn around for these young Panthers that have potential. I mean this team can do nothing but get better. Or can they?

Strike

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While Hagerty's pitching efforts came too late, it didn't help any that the Panthers couldn't come up with a solid offensive effort the entire game.

"If you're going to give up unearned runs, you're going to have to hit the ball," Searle said. "Eastern Kentucky accumulated a lot of hits."

And the Colonels didn't stop in the sixth inning, scoring three more runs before the

game was called in the bottom of the sixth. The Panthers committed two more errors for a grand total of four.

That marks the third consecutive game in which the Panthers have more errors than hits in the game.

"It's tough," Searle said. "We've had some really excellent defensive games and we got thrown into this series.

"We do know how to do that," she said. "We have the athletes and the defense and in this series, for whatever reason, we didn't have it."

The highlight for the Panthers came in the sixth inning as Jessie Robertson singled down

the right field line and was later brought in by a single to right field by Bridget Nichols for Eastern's lone run in the three-game series.

We got a run," Searle said. "When there is no way, find a way to get it done.

"We got our butts kicked," she said. "But we came back to end with a run.

In the first game, Eastern could not find the clutch hit, suffering a 5-0 loss to Eastern Kentucky. Compiling just three hits, the Panthers struggled on the offensive end, and on the defensive end, they committed four errors.

The Colonels scored two runs in the third inning and followed that through with another

run in the fifth inning. Eastern, unable to produce from the plate, watched Eastern Kentucky as it scored its final two runs of the game in the seventh inning for the 5-0 win. Freshman Trish Sanders picked up the loss for the Panthers, giving up five runs on 10 hits.

While the Panthers have dug themselves in an early hole in conference play, Searle is hopeful a different team will come to play Saturday when Eastern hosts Michigan State.

"If it doesn't kill you, it makes you better," Searle said.

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# Tough loss for tennis team

## Eastern's men take loss in conference match that was 'closer than the score indicated'

By Chuck Babinski  
Staff writer

In what will be a busy week for the men's tennis team, Murray State defeated the Panthers at home Wednesday afternoon.

The Racers (7-4) opened the day by winning two out of three of the doubles matches from the Panthers (8-5) to win one point and then won the first four singles matches. Though the Racers won 5-2, the match was actually much closer than the score indicated.

"There is such a fine line between victory and defeat in tennis," head coach Michael Hunt said.

"(Wednesday), we were probably only about six games away from winning this match.

"Brandon (Blankenbaker) and Lukasz (Pluta) were both in third sets and both had a chance to win," Hunt said. "If they do, we

win 4-3 instead of lose 5-2."

Blankenbaker lost to Alex Sundsten 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. Thiago Gondim defeated Lukasz 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

In other matches, Murray State's Nikola Aracic beat Blazej Tondel 6-2, 6-2 and Alex Hoyem defeated C.J. Weber 6-3, 6-2.

The bright spot for the Panthers was Ilyes Hassib, who won his match with Zakaria Bahri 6-4, 6-4.

"I am happy for Ilyes," Hunt said. "He played a guy from his hometown in Morocco, so it was quite a grudge match.

"He continued to play well," Hunt said of his No. 5 singles player. "He has been really hot his last four matches."

After an easy victory against instate rival Bradley University on Tuesday, in which the Panthers won all of their matches in straight sets, Hunt and his team are ready to continue conference play.

"The conference race is going to be tough," Hunt said.

"There are about five teams

that I believe can win it all, and we're one of them."

The men's tennis team will travel to Tennessee to face conference foes Tennessee-Martin on Saturday and Tennessee State on Sunday.

"We're the youngest team in the conference, but we have the ability to win," Hunt said of his men's team.

"So we have to grow up in a hurry and see if we can't get a few conference wins this weekend down in Tennessee."

The women's tennis team will also compete this weekend against Tennessee-Martin and Tennessee State.

The Panthers (9-5) are coming off a victory Tuesday against Bradley University (2-9).

In the victory, basketball player/tennis player Angie Russell earned her first ever win when she and Barb Wolfe defeated Kim and Victoria Robertson 8-4.

"I'm happy for Angie, who got her first collegiate win in doubles," Hunt said.



Bill Ruthhart/Staff photographer

The Panther's No. 4 player Brandon Blankenbaker serves in the first set of his match against Murray State's Alex Sundsten. Blankenbaker won the set 6-2, but fell to Sundsten in the following two sets 6-4, 6-4 to lose the match.

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The Panthers' Ben Duke connects on an RBI groundout while pinch hitting for first baseman Brian Nickell. Duke drove in half of Eastern's runs coming off the bench in the Panthers' 6-5 win over Indiana State. Duke had a two-RBI single the next inning that drove in Keith Laski and Bob VanHooerebeck. That hit would prove to be the game-winner.

# Squeaks

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In Hughes' chance as a pinch-hitter he drove the ball through a drawn in infield that once again scored VanHooerebeck and gave the Panthers a 4-3 lead.

"I don't get a lot of chances, so when I do I have to be ready," Hughes said. "I have to go up there and produce."

Schmitz sees the play of Hughes as an encouraging sign to some of his players that

don't see as much action.

"We tell some of our regular players that we are going to let some of the other guys play in the middle of the week," Schmitz said. "So, when a guy like Hughes, who is a fifth-year player, comes through, it is very encouraging."

For all of the good things that Eastern did at the plate against Indiana State, the Eastern skipper was pleased with what he saw on the mound.

Jared Marshall had his second good outing in a row, allowing only three runs on six hits in 5 and 2/3 innings. With that perfor-

mance, Schmitz knows that he has a lot more depth.

"With the way Marshall pitched, we feel a lot more confident in the things he does for us," Schmitz said.

Reliever Nathan Stone, who earned the win and upped his record to 1-1, was able to come in with two Sycamores on base in the sixth and stop the bleeding.

"I just tried to come in and get the out," Stone said.

"That's my role, to come in and do the dirty work, and then give way to (closer Mike) Ziroli and let him get the last outs."

Ziroli did that, but not without a little excitement.

The closer gave up two runs on two hits while walking two and striking out two in the final pair of innings.

VanHooerebeck, shortstop Jesse Niehaus and third baseman Chris Martin each had two hits for the Panthers while Laski led Eastern with a 3-for-4 effort.

The Panthers will try to remain undefeated in league play when they travel to perennial Ohio Valley Conference bottom feeder Tennessee-Martin this weekend for a three-game series.

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# Panthers strike out – again



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Panther freshman Bridget Nichols swings and misses in the Panthers' 5-0 loss to Eastern Kentucky in the first game of a doubleheader against the Colonels Wednesday afternoon. Eastern managed to score just one run in the two games while committing eight errors.

## Eastern's softball team gets out-hit, out-pitched and beat in 'every aspect of game'

**By Kristin Rojek**  
Associate sports editor

Eastern Kentucky swept the Panther softball team in dominating fashion Wednesday afternoon, defeating Eastern 5-0, 9-1 to sweep the conference-opening series.

Softball	G1	G2
	5	9
	0	1

"Eastern Kentucky just hit the ball and beat us in every aspect of the game," Panther head coach Lloydene Searle said. "If Eastern

Kentucky plays like they did here, they will be a top contender in the league."

The Colonels (21-10, 3-0) got ahead of Eastern (3-15, 0-3) the second game of the day in the third inning with two outs. With designat-

ed hitter Lisa Edwards on second base, catcher Megan Mills singled to right field for the RBI and a 1-0 lead.

The fifth inning proved to be trouble for the Panthers as the Colonels scored five runs on five hits and two Panther errors. The first three ECU batters to step up to the plate in the inning all produced runs.

Second baseman Bethany Herrington singled to center field and advanced to second on a bunt by Mills. First baseman Sun Roesslein reached on a throwing error by catcher Kristin Darnell and Wells, who was pinch running for Mills, scored on an error by Julie Ryan in right field. Herrington also came across the plate for the Colonels extending their lead to 4-0. Colonel right fielder Renee LeBlanc singled to center field, driving in Roesslein for another unearned run.

The Panthers then yanked Kristen Becker replacing her with freshman pitcher Lorie Daniel, who finished the game giving up five runs on 10 hits with Eastern committing two more errors.

Colonel third baseman Michelle Williams then tripled off of Becker as LeBlanc scored. Williams later crossed the plate on a wild pitch.

With one out in the fifth inning and the Panthers down 5-0, once again, Eastern made another defensive change to stop the bleeding as shortstop Kari Hagerty moved to the mound to find the last two outs of the inning.

"Once we put Kari in, I think we did have a momentum change," Searle said. "Lorie has done a tremendous job coming in for us, but it just wasn't her day."

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## Eastern squeaks by Indiana State



Bill Ruthhart/Staff photographer

Eastern's Nathan Stone delivers a pitch during Eastern's 6-5 win over Indiana State. Stone came on in relief for starter Jared Marshall.

**By Anthony Braviere**  
Staff writer

Sometimes it's the little things and some right decisions that wins ball games, and that's just what happened for the Panthers when they beat visiting Indiana State 6-5 Wednesday afternoon.

"That's the mark of a good team," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "Doing the little things and winning the close ball games."

Schmitz looked as though he could foresee the future in the late innings against the Sycamores, as he sent up two pinch hitters, Ben Duke and Chris Hughes, that both got the job done to help the Panthers squeak out the win.

"Well, (New York Mets manager)

Bobby Valentine I'm not, but they both got up there and did the job they were supposed to do," Schmitz said.

Duke, who drove in half of Eastern's runs, did the job twice, once in the seventh and then again in the eighth. In his first at-bat of the game Duke, who missed an opportunity to drive in a run Tuesday against Illinois State, was able to put the ball in play to the right side of the infield to score Keith Laski to tie the score at three.

In Duke's second at-bat, the outfielder hit a single that again scored Laski and center fielder Bob VanHoorebeck that would prove to be the eventual game-winning runs.

"It was cold out here, but you can't worry about things like that," Duke said. "I tried to stay in the game, and when I got the chance to get up there, I was able to come through."

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### Extra Innings



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## Panthers can only get better, or can they?

**N**ow, I haven't seen every inning of every softball game this season, but I've seen enough to know this team isn't very good right now. In fact, they are down right terrible.

I've never been a big fan of the saying a player or team that is talented and young can't do anything but get better. I always saw that saying as a jinx, but from what I've seen of the Panther softball team, I think this ridiculous piece of logic could actually apply.

In their last three home games, the Panthers have only been able to muster just one run on eight hits – just eight hits. How terrible is that? Well, the 20 innings the Panthers played in the last two days is more than twice the amount of hits this team has been able to produce. But wait, it gets even worse. Yes, it gets worse.

Not only has this team had absolutely no offensive production, but the Panthers committed more errors in the last three games than they had hits. In fact, in each of the three matchups against Eastern Kentucky, the Panthers had more boots than bloop singles. The grand total? Eleven, yes count them, 11 errors in the last three games. In case anyone's wondering that's 28 errors in 18 games for Eastern this season.

Now, I'm not pretending to be an expert on Panther softball. In fact, I've probably only seen three full games this season. But it doesn't take a genius to read into the statistics. Here's a few more eye-poppers.

The Panthers are hitting just .179 as a team with their best hitter Melissa Slama, hitting at a .244 clip. Meanwhile, Eastern's opponents are hitting .292 against a Panther team that perhaps should be nicknamed the pussy cats. From the atbats I've seen, and granted it hasn't been all season long, Eastern showed little, if any, aggression at the plate.

I think Slama, the team's lone senior, may be the only one of the bunch that truly lets it fly up there and isn't afraid to leave her spikes in the box. That hesitation has resulted in more batters going down with strikeouts looking than I've ever seen. Speaking of striking out, coming into Wednesday's games

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# Greek Week Guide

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## Quest for the crown

Fraternities place bids in race for king

Queen contest not just a beauty contest

By Christina Clark  
Staff writer

The king candidates for the 2001 Greek Week are in and they are ready to represent their fraternities.

Every year, each chapter nominates a member of their chapter to represent them in the race for king. But running for king is not just a beauty contest.

Each representative goes through a process of applying, sitting through an interview and Greek community voting. The event is held every year and is considered a sort of tradition among the houses.

This year, the coronation is going to be held in Lantz Gymnasium on Saturday during the airband intermission between 8:30 and 9

p.m.

Sigma Nu nominated Dave Otto as their representative for 2001. Otto, a senior speech communications major, said his fraternity stands apart from the rest.

"A lot of fraternities talk about brotherhood and we actually have it," he said.

Otto believes he will win because, "I don't wear an upside down, backward visor," he said with a laugh. He also said he should win because during his four years in the fraternity, he has attempted to advance his house and community.

Delta Tau Delta nominated Eric Zilch. Zilch believes that he was nominated because he's a leader in several campus organizations

By Elizabeth Spear  
Staff writer

Nominations for Greek Week queen are in. Nominees are Natasha Story of Alpha Gamma Delta, Ingrid Kays of Alpha Phi, Heather Adams of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Amanda Grindey of Alpha Sigma Tau, Kelly Walsh of Delta Zeta, Nikki Frost of Kappa Delta, Amy Allen of Sigma Kappa and Angel Reincke of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Coronation of Greek Week king and queen will be held during intermission of the airband competition on Saturday. Airband will be held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m in Lantz Gymnasium.

Coronation practice will be held Friday from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Story, a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, is a senior psychology major. She is from Danville.

Kays is an Alpha Phi and a junior English major. She is from Bloomington. Alpha Phi sorority won Greek Week overall last year.

"It was actually a surprise to be nominated in the first place," Kays said. "I really don't think I'll win."

Kays said being named queen would be a great opportunity to represent the Greek community and her house.

Adams is a member of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. She is from Metamora and is a junior accounting major.

Alpha Sigma Tau's nominee, Grindey, is a



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junior economics major with international studies from Rockford.

“It’s the biggest compliment in the world to be nominated out of the girls that could have been nominated out of my house,” Grindey said.

Walsh is Delta Zeta’s nominee and also the president of the house. She is from Poplar Grove and is a senior speech communication major with a double concentration in interpersonal/organizational and rhetoric/public address with teacher certification.

Frost is a member of the Kappa Delta sorority. She is a senior

speech pathology major from Louisville. “I am honored to be representing my house,” Frost said.

Amy Allen is Sigma Kappa’s nominee. She is a senior double majoring in special education and elementary education with a concentration in psychology. She is from Assumption.

The final nominee, Angel Reincke, is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma. She is a senior management major from Lake Zurich.

“I have been extremely privileged to have been a member of the Greek community for 4 years. I have learned a lot and been given wonderful opportunities including this one to represent my house. I am very honored,” Reincke said.



File photo

At coronation 2000, Greek Week Queen 1999, Casey Gleason of Sigma Kappa crowns the 2000 Greek Week Queen Sarah Skala of Delta Zeta.

## Kings

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such as Homecoming. Zilch also held many positions in his house such as rush chair.

“I also have an upstanding GPA,” Zilch said. “I am an excellent representative for on and off campus organizations. And I hope everyone has a good Greek Week.”

Christian Pearson, a junior speech communications major, was nominated by Sigma Phi Epsilon as their representative.

Pearson said he doesn’t think he will win Greek Week King.

“There’s a lot of other good guys up for the award,” he said.

Pearson said his house is outstanding because it is very diverse in the type of people it includes.

“It’s really kinda neat to meet people with various different backgrounds,” he said.

Sigma Chi chose senior marketing major Tom Collins as their representative.

Collins said he is unsure why his house chose him. He said his fraternity is outstanding because it has a very strong brotherhood.

Kyle Burritt, a junior business education major, was nominated by Delta Sigma Phi.

Burritt said it was an honor to be nominated by his house. He said he is a good candidate because he is a well rounded person.

“I’m involved in the Student

Government and other organizations in my major,” he said.

Delta Chi chose Brian Togas by a majority vote. Togas said that the house tradition of “always strive for the best” will present itself during Greek Week.

Kenny Shackelford Jr. is representing Lambda Chi Alpha. Shackelford is a junior elementary education major.

Shackelford said he thinks he has a good chance of winning this year’s crown.

“I know a lot of people on campus and I am pretty good with interviews, so I should be okay,” he said.

Pi Kappa Alpha chose Matt Cobble, a senior speech communications major, as their candidate.

Cobble said he was nominated because he gets along with everybody in the house. Cobble also feels he has a good chance of winning because he knows enough people to win. He said he thinks that being Delta Zeta’s dream man also will help in his quest for the crown.

Sigma Pi chose junior dietetic major Hason Pry as their candidate. Pry said his chapter chose him because he has been involved in activities in the house.

Pry’s nomination for king came as a total surprise to him.

“I don’t think I am going to win. I was surprised to just be nominated from my house,” he said. “It’s really in the hands of the judges.”



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Bob Carlson of Delta Chi and Sarah Skala of Delta Zeta, Greek Week King and Queen 2000, participate in coronation 2000.

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# Greek Sing acts to take stage Sunday

## Award ceremony to be held April 10

Fraternities, sororities put finishing touches on “Greekstock” themes

By Lauren Brody  
Staff writer

Just when the world thought the Woodstock era was over, the sororities and fraternities of Eastern present “Greekstock” or Greek Week 2001.

Included in the Greekstock festivities will be Greek Sing. Greek Sing is a competition in which musical numbers are presented to be judged to see which houses have the most musical talent.

The performances begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Lantz Gym. The show should take only a couple of hours from start to finish. In addition, a dress rehearsal will be held all day on Saturday.

Almost all of Eastern’s greek community will participate in trying to win one of the three Greek Sing titles. The three categories are; Women Formal, Men Formal and Informal. The Informal is the only co-ed title.

Last year the Alpha Phi sorority brought home the Women’s Formal title, Sigma Phi Epsilon won the Men’s Formal title and Pi Kappa Alpha took the Informal trophy.

This year is the 50th Anniversary of Greek Sing and a large number of alumni are expected to return for the show. There are no favorite sororities or fraternities to win this year, so the competition should be highly competitive.

“It’s just good entertainment,” said Hilary Tharp, Greek Sing chair.



File photo

The women of Delta Zeta perform during Greek Sing of Greek Week 2000. Winners of Greek Sing 2000 were Alpha Phi in the womens formal division and Sigma Phi Epsilon in the mens formal division. Pi Kappa Alpha took the Informal trophy.

By Tina Chronister-Wilcox  
Staff writer

Eastern’s Greek community will hold its annual awards banquet on April 10 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The awards banquet is held annually to bring unity to the Greek community, said Gary Cooke, awards banquet organizer.

Awards will be given for Greek Week events as well as for outstanding individuals and houses.

Cooke said that awards for presidents of the year and scholarships for participation will also be given.

Cooke emphasized that the banquet provides unity throughout the Greek community.

He said that members from every fraternity and sorority will be present, but there is no competition.

“Everyone just cheers for everyone else,” he said.

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Members of the Sigma Pi fraternity pyramid team, hold their finished position while they wait for the judges to okay their formation, during Greek Week 2000.



Adam Ahitow, a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity little, concentrates as he spaces off between team members before their first tug. The little men's tugs team went on to take first place during Greek Week 2000.



Members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity rally together in support of their pyramid team's performance during Greek Week 2000.

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# Airband competition begins Friday

Sigma Phi  
Epsilon, Alpha  
Phi defending  
last year's titles

By Mike Costa  
Staffwriter

Greekstock, which is the theme for Greek Week, continues with the Airband competition when chapters lip sink and dance to their favorite songs.

The competition begins on March 31 at 7 p.m. at Lantz Gym. There, the groups will dress up in their costumes and lip sync. The groups create their own themes, and groups consist of no more than 12 people.

The top three chapters will be awarded points ranging from three to five depending on their place, and all groups receive five points for participation. The song may not exceed five minutes and songs may not have reference to drugs or alcohol.

The groups are judged on creativity, difficulty and their ability to lip sync to the songs chosen.

The groups will be judged by five people who are either faculty or members of the community.

Groups are allowed to decide what song they would like to perform, but no group is allowed to perform the same song as another group.

"With lots of new themes and different ideas, it should make the competition fun and exciting," said Angel Reincke, event organizer.

Last year in the fraternity division, first prize went to the Sigma Phi Epsilon house, and the sorority title went to Alpha Phi.

Also, during intermission of the competition, coronation will be held. At this time, the king and queen of Greek Week will be crowned.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, and prices range from \$5 to \$7. There will be both balcony and bleacher seats available.



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ABOVE: Sigma Kappa performs to songs from "Footloose" at Airband 1999.

LEFT: Members of Sigma Pi perform to the song "Greased Lightning" during Airband 1999.





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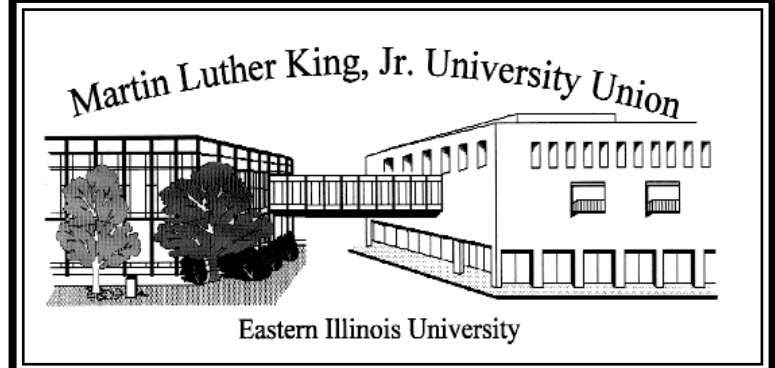
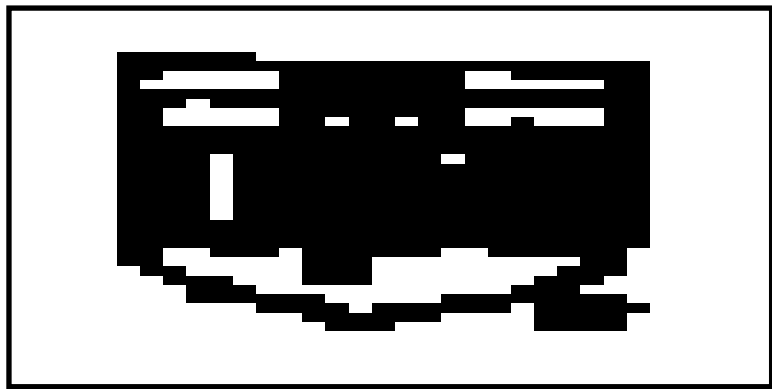
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Members of the Greek Community will be participating in community service projects throughout Greek Week.

Greeks to visit Jefferson Elementary

By Robin Augsburg  
Staff writer

Along with all of the fun and games of Greek Week on campus, fun and games will take place off campus at Jefferson Elementary School as well.

The Jefferson Elementary Fun Day is an organized community service project for Greek Week taking place on April 5.

There are 12 people from every sorority and fraternity participating in the event. Half of them will go to the first session with the kids from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., and the other half

will go from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. for the second session.

Three people from each house will be playing games with the Jefferson students, such as an obstacle course that will be set up. The other three will be doing arts and crafts. The kids will be spending one hour with each group before switching.

Jason Guziec, the community service chair, said this event is a way to allow the children of Charleston to interact with Eastern students. Besides Guziec, the community service committee that organized the event includes Stephanie Blair, Sherleen DeLockery, Travis Liles,

Braden McClements and Erin Rolston.

The arts and crafts that will be made are going to be donated to the Prairie View Care Center of Charleston and the Hilltop Convalescent Center.

The fourth, fifth and sixth graders participating in Fun Day will be making door decorations, mobiles and Spring and Easter cards.

Along with donating the crafts, the Eastern students will be spending time with the residents at Prairie View Care Center and Hilltop Convalescent Center from 1 to 3 p.m. on April 6.

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## Tugs, pyramids ahead in action-packed week

By Elizabeth Sterrett  
Staff Writer

During this year's Greek Week, several tried and true events will be held, along with a new event, an obstacle course, that will be held in cooperation with ROTC.

The ROTC event is this year's unity event for the Greek organizations, said Chris Maier, organizer. Each organization must have a team of five members. The teams will then breakup so there will not be more than two people from each chapter on a team.

ROTC representative 2nd Lt. Laura Wood explained the obstacle course. The first event has each team running a lap around the campus pond. The second event, dizzy bats, has each member spinning around a bat four times. They must keep their head on the bat the entire time. The third event is the low crawl. Each member must crawl on their back or their stomach 50 meters without touching the rope above their head.

The fourth event, tires, involves each team completing the obstacle without falling. The fifth event, the ranger slide for life, has each team member sliding across a 10 foot rope without falling off. The sixth event, the tension traverse, has the team members working the obstacle blindfolded, going from one side to the other. The final event, the litter carry, has one member on the litter and members at each of the handles. They must carry that member to the finish line successfully.

The points are tallied by taking into consideration deductions and the time needed to complete each obstacle. The ROTC event will be held by the Campus Pond.

In addition to the new obstacle course event, old favorites will still be in full swing. The tugs event consists of the little men tugs and the big men tugs. According to Maier, those who participate in the little men tugs must be under 170 pounds, and those competing in the big men tugs have no weight limit. There are 10 people on each team, and they will be tugging the rope across the campus pond. Little men's tugs will be held Monday at 4 p.m, Wednesday at 4 p.m and April 6 at 3 p.m. Big men's tugs will be held Monday at 6 p.m., Wednesday after the little men and April 6 after women's tugs.

There will also be women's tugs, which will be held Monday at 5 p.m. and April 6 at the end of little men's tugs. Weigh-in for all tugs will be Saturday and the finals will be held April 7 at 2 p.m.

The pyramid events have the different Greek organizations running from a marked line and forming a pyramid. They have to hold the pyramid for five seconds before they may drop. Pyramids will be held Tuesday at 4 p.m.

The raft races, according to Maier, have two members from each team racing from one end of the campus pond to the other on inflatable rafts. Each team is timed. Raft races will be held Tuesday after the pyramid events conclude.



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Members of Alpha Gamma Delta tug against their opponents during women's tugs of Greek Week 2000.

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# Greek Sing celebrates 50th anniversary

## Alumni expected to come from locations all over the country

By **Katie Jeffers**  
Staff writer

When the annual Greek Sing competition kicks off this year at 1 p.m. on Sunday, there will be a special song in the air.

Alumni from all across the country will gather in Lantz Gym to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Greek Sing at EIU. Some may be watching the event for the first time in five years, some may not have seen Greek Sing since the 1970s. For those who have not seen the competition since their days as students, they may find a few surprising changes to the performance.

For one Charleston alumnus, though, the changes will not be so surprising. Eli Sidwell estimates he has seen at least 30 Greek Sing performances since he graduated in 1958. Sidwell, a member of Sigma Pi fraternity, participated in his first Greek Sing competition in 1954.

“One thing they have changed, and that’s good, was the change that was made to have it prior to Greek Week,” he said.

When he was an undergraduate, Sidwell said that Greek Sing was the culmination of Greek Week. While all the competitions were going on throughout the week, the chapter members were still expected to hold practices for Greek Sing in preparation for the last event. He said that most people were so tired and hoarse by the end of the week, they struggled to give their best performance.

Another change Greek Sing has gone through was the change

in location. When McAfee Gym was preparing to house library materials, Greek Sing moved its event to Lantz Gym. Sidwell sees this change as a good one since space was so limited in McAfee.

“Before, they had to restrict the attendance. People could have their immediate families maybe and that’s it,” he said.

An additional aspect of Greek Sing that has been modified over the years is the addition of choreography and movements that go along with the singing. Sidwell said he enjoys watching the choreography and feels it really does add something extra to the performance.

“The showmanship part I’ve always liked,” he said.

In today’s competition, observers find costumes and themes that fit together to impress the judges. This is a far cry from the attire that was acceptable on stage in the late 1950s. Sidwell said that when he performed, the standard dress was a blue blazer, a white shirt and gray pants.

“They (the costumes) never as I remember were elaborate. The women went into themes a little more than the men,” he said.

Although there have been some changes in the format and the rules of the competition over the last 50 years, Sidwell said one thing that has remained constant is the desire to win.

“It was a strong, competitive event,” he said.

No matter which group is victorious, the alumni, students, faculty and friends that are part of Greek Sing this year will know they are a small part of history.



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ABOVE: The ladies of Sigma Kappa perform during Greek Sing 1999.

LEFT: Members of Pi Kappa Alpha sing during Greek Sing 1999.



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